### WON'T BE FOOLED WITH.

SO SAYS FAIRCHILD HOUSE CIRCLE ABOUT GROUND HOGS.

Members of the Circle Belate Their Experiences with the Smart Animal-It Don't Seem to Pay to Interfere with Him-Instances Where He Got Even.

The subject of ground hog came up for dissection at a freeting of the Fairchild house circle the other evening, said Judge Ben Wright: "I had a little experience myself with a ground hog when I lived in Woodhull that set me to thinking that it wasn't well to try any experiments on them. One summer a cheeky chap of a ground hog set up shop in a clover field of mine and was a four story nuisance with a mansard roof. He defied all my efforts to induce him to die or leave the country. I Some Californians Think They Know was reading in my newspaper one evening, after a long day's work binding and stacking wheat, and came across an item that pleased me. It was about a man down in Jersey who had hit on a plan to ameliorate the condition of farms suffering from ground hog. He had found that by catching a turtle and tying a ball of candle wick; sked with kerosene oil, to its tail, touching a match to the ball, and then putting the turtle into a ground hog's hole, the turtle would roam the corridors of the burrow, trailing its fire ball along with it, and strike such terror to the hearts of the ground hogs resident therein that they would rush in wild panie for the surface. All the farmer had to do was to stand on the outside and knock the ground hogs in the head a they came out. THE PIRE BALL TREATMENT.

"After reading the item I felt I had that big clover stealing pest of mine at my mercy at last. I could hardly wait till morning, I wanted to go out and get a turtle so bad, put the kerosene and candlewick uniform on him, and start him on the campaign against that ground log. Before 8 o'clock I had the whole thing fixed, and, arming myself with an ax, went over to the ground hog's hole. I put the turtle at the outh of the hole and lit the oil soaked ball I had tied behind him. It blazed up like a small bonfire, and the turtle, frightened at the sight, dived into the hole like a chipmunk, and by and by disappeared with the ball of fire into the depths. I braced myself at the side of the hole, raised my ax in the air, and smiled grimly as I thought of the vengeance I was soon to wreak on the destroyer of my peace and clover. I stood there about ten minutes, and no ground hog appeared. Then I began to be tortured with doubt, and as my arms were aching with holding the avenging ax in the air so long, I let it down on the ground and

I have reason to believe that the ground og was only waiting for that moment, for I had scarcely unarmed myself, as it were, when the ground hog popped out of the hole like a flash—and it was a flash, for he had the string that had tied the blazing candlewick to the turtle tightly between his teeth, and the dazzling firebrand was Thompson had married in England and salling along after him like a hot air balloon. Away the ground hog tore, straight or my wheat field, where the golden grain was stacked in plethoric sheaves. In less than three minutes he had touched the porch, which was to have lighted him to his death, to my gleaming wheat stacks, and that edge of Steuben county saw such have risked money on the venture will a bonfire as never lit up its hills before or either "go broke" or become millionaires, since. I believe it was the firm intention of the ground hog to set fire to my house, oo, but the candlewick exhausted itself before he could reach the dwelling, and all I had to remember the genius of the Jerseyman by was the ashes of my season's wheat crop. I gave a mental quit claim deed of the clover field to the ground hog on the spot, and the last I heard from there he was still holding title to the property." DOS'T TRY THE TRAP.

"I don't know much about ground hogs myself," remarked Thad Ross, the landlord; "my experience with beasts of bur-den and animals of the forest and field having been entirely with coons; but I had a friend that lived back of Penn Yan who ran against a ground bog once and had an experience with it that, actually, if a man was lying, he couldn't tell of one half as queer. My friend used to say, in telling "I am not," the man said, rather abruption it in a building in his town; but for the "I am not," the man said, rather abruption is the building in his town; but for the property that has brought him he would that a ground boy looked like a chucklehead, but he's smarter than a mustard plaster. I never had the least idea in the world of trupping for ground hogs, but every time this friend of mine met me he seemed to be under the impression that I was about to engage in that sport, for he always began at me something like this: Don't you ever trap for ground hogs!

In the first place, if you catch your ground hog you won't know what to do with it, for the skin is no good and the meat will spoil soap grease. In the second place, you will never catch one. You will only risk your trap if you do try to catch a ground log, for the chances are that the sly old cuss will come out and spring the trap by stone oh it, and then lug it off a mile or Then this friend of mine would relate

what happened to him in trying to rid his farm of a ground hog that had been especially annoying. He had set a trap for it, and he ground hog had hinted to him two or three times that it didn't want the trap around his diggings by carrying it away half a mile and hanging it on a bush. But my friend thought be knew more what was best for that ground hog than the patiently protesting animal did itself, and so kept right on serting the trup on the very threshold of the ground hog's home. One mornng be went to look at the trap, and when be was within a hundred vards or so of the hole he saw the ground hog dragging the trap by its chain off across the field in the direction of my friend's barn.

'My triend thought he couldn't de anything better than just follow along and see of see the groundhow intended to bury the trup, as he supposed that was what the ani-

## Nervous Prostration,

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mal was up to. The ground hog dragged the traps raight to the barn; and my riend crept along in its wake. If the ground hog saw him it didn't let on, that took the trap around the currier of the barn. My friend had a valuable young bird dog chained in a kennel behind the turn, and he hurried on and peeked around the corner of the building. What should he see but the ground hog steal up to one side of the kenel and shove the trap quietly in front of the entrance. Then the ground hog gave the kennel a kick with both hind feet. Out bonneed the dog. He set both fore feet in the trap, and snap she went. The dog was caught. While his master was releasing the yelping pup the ground hog strode away, shaking its aides, my friend declared, with mirthfulness over the success of its little scheme."-Hammondsport Cor. New York Sun.

Ex-Governor J. Sterling Morton, of Ne braska, father of the Arbor day for economic tree planting out that way, says that "more than 600,000,000 trees planted by human hands" are growing in that state.

THE PIRATES' TREASURE.

Where It Is.

About 400 miles southwest of Panama is little island called Cocos, and on that island an immense treasure lies buried, according to a story that has been growing for fifty years or more. Indeed, if the story had not been so long in growing it would be more credible, but such as it is



THE SCHOONER LAURA About fifty years ago a forlorn castaway on the coast of Newfoundland was cared for by a family named Caten, and told them of the buried treasure. He said that he had been compelled to resign a lieuten-antey in the English navy on account of having killed another officer in a duel, and had then entered the Peruvian navy. Learning that an immense treasure was cussion in the town Lyceum. An old on its way from Peru to England, he had lawyer represented free trade, and to organized an outlaw crew and captured the vessel and treasure after a bloody fight. The pirates then quarreled about it, and many were killed. The others uried the tressure on the Cocos island and had to disperse at once, as two or three government ships were after them.

In time nearly all of the pirates were illed or taken and hanged, and Thompson (the name by which the stranger called himself) gave up whatever claims he had to Caten and returned to England. Caten recovered the treasure and removed part of it, but reburied the remainder. His sons started after it, but their vessel foundered and all on board were lost. Meanwhile died. His widow appeared in San Francisco recently, claiming to have a complete elew to the locality of the treasure, and the them, and presently his devotion to that schooner Laura, fitted out under her direc-tion, sailed the other day for Cocos. There are immense possibilities, either for failure or success, in the enterprise. Those who

MURDER OF A PRIEST.

by a Lunatic.

The only possible theory on which to account for the recent killing of Father S. M. the Catholic religion, and seems to have been actuated by the merest freak of Perhaps McKinley chose the common

rett, who suffered from paralysis, sat on Probably he was rich in this world's the porch of his house. A man entered the front gate and approached,
"Good evening, father," said the stranger,

"Good evening, sir," the priest replied

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afraid I'm going "Have you been drinking" the priest asked, notieing for the first time the stranger's flery compeculiar expres-"No. I have not."

only thing that nils FATHER BARRETT. me is my heart

"Then you had better go home and rest yourself," was the priest's txivice. being arrested a few moments later he gave the name of Patrick Keady and said he was a horse shoer by occupation. The wounded priest died next day. He was nearly 50 years old and for twenty-three years had been pastor of St. Stephen's church.

JACK THE INK SLINGER.

A Strange and Unprofitable Series of . Crimes.

All spring and early summer New York women were in a panic over the strange and causeless malice of some unknown person who, as opportunity offered, poure delible ink on the gowns of promenaders along Broadway and Fifth avenue. The crime was repeated so frequently as to create a general public outery and all the police of the city were ordered to keep special watch for the mysterious person known as "Jack the Ink Simger." Soon after the promulgation of the order

a patrolman stationed at Fifty-ninth street and Ninth avenue saw a shabbity dressed laborer men. Hetook the and eaught him. as it were, red handed, for his fingers dripped with anline, and spveral bottles of

found on his ner-

JOHN CONNORS.

son. At the preliminary examination next day it was ascertained that his name was John Connors and his occupation that of a hostler. He refused to give any reason for pursuing | in the morning till past midnight. Hearhis singular and unprofitable line of mischief notag.

Asking a Pension on Novel Grounds. liezekiah Forrester, of Habersham county. Ga., has made application for a pension on grounds that, to say the least, are a litthe numeral. He states that during the war, while on a march, a comrade playfully struck aim with a knapsack. In the knapsack was a three pronced fork, and the prongs stack in his left elbow, two of them breaking off and remaining there. The

### OF MAKING TAX BILLS.

M'KINLEY HAS WON HIS PLACE THROUGH STUDY OF THE TARIFF.

You Must Study and Work Hard to Win at Washington as Elsewhere - Octogenarian Senator Morrill-Senator Allison-A Contrasting Picture.

Washington, June 5.-The tariff is the greatest political issue at the national capital, as it is the most common topic of discussion throughout the country. An old member of congress said to me the other day that a greater number of statesmen had made their reputation out of the tariff than out of any other line of egislation known to the history of this



M'KINLEY'S TRIUMPHAL JOURNEY. country. But the tariff we always have with us. Just now Mr. McKinley is the central figure of the tariff world. The rise of this man to power and influence is a splendid example of what may be done with a specialty in public life. Mr. McKinley has never bothered himself very much about anything but the tariff. During all the years he has been in congress the tariff has been his constant

companion. While he was still a law student at Canton, O., the question of protection of American industries came up for disyoung McKinley was assigned the defense of protection. The old lawyer, keen and experienced in debate, overwhelmingly defeated his young antagonist. This stung the young man's pride and brought out the good qualities that were in him. He determined to be a master of that question. He studied political economy with even more zeal than he studied law; he read speeches and sat up o' nights with statistics and government reports. McKinlev's first start in public life was as county attorney. He was a good officer, but all the time continued to make headway as a champion of protection. When speeches were wanted he was called upon to make idea won him an election to congress

A few days ago I saw McKinley riding from the Capitol to his hotel. He was on the rear platform of a street car. Fifteen minutes before this he had won the great triumph of securing passage by the house of representatives of a tariff bill bearing his name. This was the The Paster of a Chicago Church Killed climax of his ambition. And yet here he was returning from the scene of his victory in the most common of public conveyances. There was something is that the murderer is insane. He did not know his victim, had no prejudice against the Catholic science.

public conveyance because of its cheap The afternoon of the tragedy Father Bar- ness. He is comparatively a poor man. goods when he first came to congress as he is now after thirteen years of service. Before entering congress he made "I have a pain in my heart that is both- revenue that has brought him he would at times have been sorely pinched for ready money. McKinley leads a very simple life in Washington. It is principally a life of work. He occupies two small rooms in a down town hotel. One is his wife's room, the other his workshop. Mrs. McKinley is an invalid, and her husband tenderly spends with her every moment that can be taken from his work. The two rooms adjoin, and even when busiest he is constantly going from one to the other. All winter and spring the ways and means committee has had almost nightly meetings. These were held at McKinley's room, that the chairman might be near his charge. So we see that even in a tariff bill, and in the At this the man drew a revolver and shot life of a man who gives all his energies Father Barrett through the bowels. On to taxing legislation, there may be some-



WAITING FOR MER ADMIRER. Some people think members of congress do not work hard. They ought to see the ways and means committee making a tariff bill, or the members of the senate finance committee dealing with the same question. A member of the former committee assures me that for four months he and his colleagues worked an average of eighteen hours a day, Sun-days included. Almost daily they were at it, individually or collectively, from 9 ing at the Capitol from 10 in the morning till noon, executive meeting later in the day, another meeting at McKinley's rooms in the evening, was the daily routine. Often at 1 or 2 in the morning belated newspaper men have seen five or six weary gentlemen leaving the Ebbitt house, walking a half mile or mile to their homes. They were members of ways and means who had been in con"PEARS'-The Great English Complexion SOAP,-Sold Everywhere."

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it in Washington as elsewhere. The very afternoon that I saw McKinley riding homeward on the platform of a street car, one of the noted men of his times, I also saw a handsome equipage standing in a secluded spot under the trees which surround the Capitol grounds. A pretty, stylish young woman sut in the cart. Evidently she was waiting for some one from the Capitol, and presently this some one appeared in the person of a member of congress who has a wife and family. Thus was explained the woman's selection of a shady, out of the way nook for the trysting place. Men who have wives and families must be prudent if nothing else. This man is in the prime of life, well to do and talented. He entered congress a few years ago with brilliant prospects, but he is still one of the army of congressional unknowns. Soon he will be forgotten. As he stepped into the cart and drove away with his charmer I could not help noting the contrast formed between him and the man who was journeying on the platform of a Pennsylvania avenue street car to his sick wife.

McKinley's personality is an interestset out in life with a purpose, and who are \$1.75 per day. bend every effort and circumstance to the end in view. He is also one of the few men who can be earnest, firm, undeviating, and at the same time snave and genial. He is a man who knows how to have his way about things, to ride over other people when necessary, without making them his enemies. As chairman of ways and means, constructor and manager of a tariff bill, he has been at the focus of much selfishness. A thousand men of influence and importance have wanted a thousand things. They have brought to bear upon him all the pressure which lawyers and

lobbyists, politicians and capitalists know so well how to bring. Whether one agree or disagree with McKinley's economic views, it must be admitted there is something admirable in the manner in which he has borne himself through this ordeal. Where other men would have become nervous or irritable he has grown in graciousness and coursharp spoken or imperious, he has been deferential and pleasing. But he has been turned neither to the right nor to the left. He has smiled and smiled, and had his way still.

Now at the senate end of the Capitol a number of distinguished statesmen are wrestling with this question of taxation. Perhaps the most picturesque of them



all, though not the most powerful, is

SENATOR MORRILL.

Senator Morrill. This fine old man makes a picture worth looking at as he sits at the head of the table in the committee on finance. The oldest man in congress and the veteran in service, he represents in his career three or four distinct cras of his country's history. He was a well known man in the days when Kansas and slavery extension were the overwhelming topics of public interest. He was chairman of the house committee on ways and means in the early years of the war, when the expenses of the government were increasing at the rate of millions of dollars a day, and the great problem was the procuring of reveone with which to carry on the war. Nearly thirty years ago he wrote a taxing bill which carried his name to every hamlet in the land, and here he is vet, an octogenarian, at the head of the senate committee which is at work upon another revenue act. Though chairman of the committee Senator Morrill is not much more than a figure head. His days of law making are nearly run. Yet it strength. was the tariff that gave him prominence

and laid the foundation for his fame. The real head of the senate committee is Senator Allison. Here we have still another example of the value of specializing one's efforts in a public career. Allison, like McKinley, bas made the tariff his distinct field. On these lines he has approached the presidency, and may yet win it. Like McKinley, too, he ! is a comfortable sort of person, smooth, velvety, soft of touch, likable. It seems that in dealing with the revenues of a government and the thousands of men whose interests are affected by the manner in which those revenues are raised.

it is the man who can say no smilfingly

In this Allison is even more skillful than McKinley. It has been said of him that, if a judge and under the painful necessity of sentencing a malefactor to the gallows, he could do it in such man-ner as to make the unfortunate quite happy and content. Ask Allison to do this or that for you, and he will comply if he possibly can; but if he cannot he will put his arm about you, lead you off into a corner and whisper his refusal so sweetly and with such charming myseriousness of manner that you like him

in spite of your disappointment.

And since revenues and taxes are necessary features of this business of carrying on a great government, and many un-pleasant things must be done in their name, we are lucky to have two such pleasant, sugar coated statesmen to do WALTER WELLMAN.

Happy in His Books.

On almost any rainy day a shabbily dressed Irishman may be seen in the publie library intently reading the "heavy" magazines. The Political Science Quarterly, North American Review, and the like. Pat's fingers are stubby and hard; his limbs are sturdy and his shoulders broad. He is ing one. He is one of those men who a common laberer, and says that his wages

I ventured one day to accest him, and was pleasontly greeted in the richest of brogues, and the acquaintance soon became something like intimacy.

This laborer can think clearly and con-secutively. He is a bachelor and a man of letters. He says that his daily wages suffice to supply all his wants, and that "his joy of life is to find out things from books." He is always delighted when a heavy, steady rain sets in, for that gives him leav to take a whole day at his favorite employ

What use do you make of your reading I should suppose that a man of your intel-ligence and learning could find something better to do than shoveling dirt or laying granite pavement.

"Oh, yis! Oi cud do that, but thin me wages are big enough; a mon who gets his moind pestered wid tryin' to get rich can't kape his thoughts on his studies. Sure an' Oi have all that heart cud desire, barrin' a wife. Look at me healthy body. Did yez ever see A graduate of Trinity college. Dub lin, who was a better animal than Oil Emerson who first said that 'man's first tesy. Where others might have been sharp spoken or imperious, he has been think Oi have filled the bill. Where's the professor who can study ten hours on a stretch? Oi can do that."-St. Louis Re-

> The Right Kind of a Coachman, "A woman's idea of a coachman," said a Beaver street merchant, "is more or less at the marvelous energy, enterprise and amusing to me. Her notion of the man's skill required to gather the news, write it fitness never goes further than the fit of his coat. My wife and daughters devote more study to the looks of the coachman than I of the dinner was still in their mouths and do to my business. Their idea of a perfect the music of the orchestra still in their driver is a slim, square shouldered, narrow waisted, fresh cheeked young man, who bred five of them myself.

> birth, and it troubles him as much if the ment to literal fact. horses are maltreated as it does if his chilconchman with a square iron jaw and a band's pride. big nose. I have had him fortwelve years, "I think I and shall keep him until he dies. He does not look exactly like Berry Wall on the dismay; box of the victoria, but he understands of the every point about a home perfectly is rigid should should est, and if a horse falls sick he nurses it with the tenderness of a child. He is so merely thought so, and that only would be careful and patient with the horses that assert - Youth's Companion. careful and patient with the horses that their dispositions are perfect. They are not petted one day and thrashed the next, and hence they are never in fear and nervous, as high strung horses are sure to be in the hands of an unskillful keeper." New York World.

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